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For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

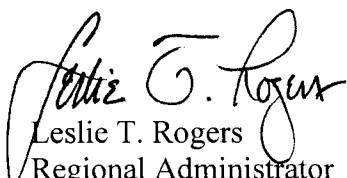
Dear Mr. Morales:

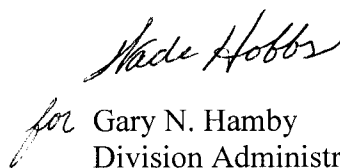
SUBJECT: SANDAG 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP/FTIP Amendment No. 3

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 3 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated January 16, 2003. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2003-16 on November 22, 2002, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosures to your letter, this amendment adds new project listings, and modifies previously programmed project listings in the local highway, state highway, and transit elements of the SANDAG FTIP.

We accept these program modifications in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations (23 CFR 450) and find that Amendment No. 3 to SANDAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C 134 and the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. 53). We have determined that the new projects proposed for inclusion in California's Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) by this amendment are exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR § 93.126. This letter constitutes the joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval for inclusion of SANDAG Amendment No. 3 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. This approval is provided with the understanding that Federal Transit Administration funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

  
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